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# U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ethics

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# MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1.	Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Susan A. Davis
2.	a. Name of accompanying relative: Dr. Steven Davis or None
	b. Relationship to Traveler: ■ Spouse □ Child □ Other (specify):
3.	a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: May 25, 2015 Return: May 31, 2015
	b. Dates at personal expense: May 25, 2015 or None
4.	Departure city: Washington, D.C. Destination: Montreal, Quebec- Canada Return city: Washington, D.C.
5.	Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Democracy Fund, Henry Luce Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund
6.	Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
8.	Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):  a.  a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;  b. the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;  c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; and the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.  a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):
For J.S oriv	ertify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my owledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure in were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the structure of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for vate gain.  SNATURE OF MEMBER:  DATE:  June 5, 2015

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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return. You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Appen Tratitute Congressional Program

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Travel Destination	on(s): Mont	réal, Québ	ec	
Date of Departur	re: May 3	25, 2015	Date of	Return: May 31, 2015
				Steve Davis
				information is identical for each person listed.)
Actual amount	of expenses paid	on behalf of, or re	eimbursed to, e	ach individual named in response to Question 4:
	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	# 96H.	·900.	# 450	-0 -
Accompanying Relative	<b>4</b> 964.	-0-	*H50	-0-
I certify that the Signature:  Name:  Organization:  I am an officer	by checking box information cont  Co	dined in this form	is true, comple	and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (Signify ste, and correct to the best of my knowledge.  Title: Executive Director, Congression ment is true by checking box):
1 to promove and an extra	er: 202-7. dan-glic	36-5825 kman@o	spenins	stitute. org dual if additional information is required.
If you have ques				ontact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103

### TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Rep. Susan Davis
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.
I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.
Signature: Misan W. Nan
Name of signatory (if other than traveler):
For staff, name of employing Member or committee:
Office address: 1526 Long worth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515
Telephone number: 202 225-2040
Email address of contact person: 11 Sa. Sherman @ mail. house. gov
Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a med appearance sponsored by that entity, <u>and</u> these forms are being submitted to the Committee less that 30 days before the trip departure date.
NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to

N contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Ethics 1015 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-7103 (phone) (202) 225-7392 (fax) Travel email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov

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# TRAVELER FORM

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1.	Name of Traveler: Rep. Susan Davis
2.	Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Aspen Institute Congressional Program (AICP)
3.	Travel destination(s): Washington, D.C Montreal, Quebec-Canada Washington, D.C.
4.	a. Date of departure May 25, 2015 Date of return: May 31, 2015  b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No SAD  If yes, dates at personal expense: May 26, 2015
5.	<ul> <li>a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ■ Yes □ No</li> <li>b. If yes:</li> <li>(1) Name of accompanying relative: □ \(\int \text{Steven} \) \(\subseteq \text{Steven} \) \(\subseteq \text{Davis}\)</li> </ul>
	(2) Relationship to traveler: ■ Spouse □ Child □ Other (specify):
	(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age:   Yes  No
6.	<ul> <li>a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☐ No</li> <li>b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:</li> </ul>
7.	Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list; and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes \sum No NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
	Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's <u>individual</u> official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties. As a Member of the Armed Services Comittee, I will participate in roundtable discussions
	regarding Syna, Iraq, Iran and ISEs with experts and diplomatic representatives.
9.	Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip?   Yes No
10.	FOR STAFF TRAVELERS: TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:
	ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL
	I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.
	Date:
	Signature of Employing Member

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# U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ethics

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# PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1.	I will be buying for the hip).
	Aspen Institute Congressional Program (AICP)
2.	I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
3.	<ul> <li>a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip  or</li> <li>b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds  or</li> <li>c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.</li> <li>If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:</li> </ul>
	Democracy Fund, Henry Luce Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund
4.	Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
	See attached list
5.	Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes \(\sigma\) No
6.	Date of departure: May 25, 2015 Date of return: May 31, 2015
7.	a. City of departure: Washington, DC or district
	b. Destination(s): Montréal, Québec - Canada
	c. City of return: Washington, DC or district
8.	I represent that (check one of the following):
	a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: $\square$ or
	<ul> <li>b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: or</li> <li>c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was de minimis under the Committee's travel regulations.</li> </ul>
9.	Check one of the following:
	a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
	b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
	c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: $\square$ or
	d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐  If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

10.	<ol> <li>Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities an hourly description of planned activities for</li> </ol>	the House invitees will be trip invitees) (indicate age	e participating in during the travel (i.e. nda is attached by checking box);
11.	<ol> <li>Check one:         <ul> <li>a. I represent that a registered federal lobl employees on any segment of the trip (sig</li> <li>b. N/A - trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of his</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	byist or foreign agent wi	ll not accompany House Members or
12.	<ol> <li>For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting</li> </ol>	r form, describe the sponsong the trip:	or's interest in the subject matter of the
	AICP provides non-partisan educational for AICP has organized and will conduct the a The foundations provide grants to AICP a "Diplomacy and Extremism: Iran, ISIS and grant-making sponsors, these organization conference or selecting the participants.	conference and has sele nd-are-interested-in-conq I US Interests in an Unra	cted and invited the attendees. gressional-education regarding
13.	3. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necesse		
	a. Mode of travel: Air 📕 Rail 🗌 Bus [		pecify:)
	b. Class of travel: Coach Business	First Charter O	ther $\square$ (Specify:)
	c. If travel will be first class or by chartered of	or private aircraft, explain	why such travel is warranted:
	<ul> <li>recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify 5. I represent that either (check one of the followin a. The trip involves an event that is arranged that meals provided to congressional partievent attendees:  or</li> <li>b. The trip involves events that are arranged sp. If "b" is checked:</li> <li>1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approx \$90</li> </ul>	ng): or organized without registreants are similar to those ecifically with regard to constitutions.	ard to congressional participation and se provided to or purchased by other ongressional participation:
	2) Provide reason for selecting the location	of the event or trip:	
	To provide context for a deeper un	derstanding of enhance	d bilateral and multilateral efforts
	in confronting extremism, exemplifi	ed by Canada's contrib	utions to the challenges and
	turmoil in the Middle East.		
	. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting ea	ch hotel or other lodging fa	ecility:
			Cost per night: \$180
	Reason(s) for selecting: http://doi.org/10.1001/10.100	ired including technology and meeting space. Facil	ly security was key factor including private meeting and dining rooms.
1	Hotel name:	City;	Cost per night:
	Reason(s) for selecting:		
]	Hotel name:	City:	Cost per night:
	Reason(s) for selecting:		

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box):

# 18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

actual amounts good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$2,000	\$900	\$450
For each accompanying relative	\$2,000	\$0	\$450

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$0	
For each accompanying relative	\$0	

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19.	Check one:
	a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below.
	b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. □
20.	I certify that I am not a registered fetteral lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
21.	I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.  Signature:
	Signature:
	Name: Dan Glickman
	Title: Executive Director, Aspen Institute Congressional Program
	Organization: The Aspen Institute
	Address: 1 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036
	Telephone number: 202-736-5825
	Email address: dan.glickman@aspeninstitute.org

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## GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code) that provides a genut of finds to another onlity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, ment, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Mombers or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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1.	I certify that (name of your organization): The Henry Luce Foundation
	has been designated a § 501(c)(5) horizont thankable organization by the fine has been designated by the
2.	Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Aspen Institute Congressional Program
3.	<ul> <li>I certify that my organization (complete a or b):</li> <li>a. I less provides) a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. or</li> <li>b. I has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to</li> </ul>
	(destination) on (date) that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4.	Check one:  a.   My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent <u>or</u> b.   My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was <u>its minimis</u> under the travel regulations.
5,	I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. 🗟
6.	the best of my knowledge.
	Signature: Thychere Voller  Name: Toby Alice Volkman Title: Secretary - Director of Bridge Initiatives  The Hebry Luce Foundation
	Name: V Toby Alice Volkman Tille: Secretary + Director of Belicy Initiatives
	Organization:
	Address: 51 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10010
	Telephone number: 212-489-7700 Bmail: Tvolkman @ hluce.org
Ľť	there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:
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# GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, ment, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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1.	I certify that (name of your organization): Rockefeller Brothers Fund
	may need confinited at 8 2017(c)(2) verbled insulance definition of the internal reference pervice.
2,	Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Aspen Institute Congressional Program
3.	I certify that my organization (complete a or b):  a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. <a href="mailto:organizing">organizing</a> , planning, or conducting of a trip to
	(destination) on (date) that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4.	Check one:  a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbylst or foreign agent or  b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbylst or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was de minimis under the travel regulations.
5,	I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
5,	I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.
	Signature: The H
	Name: STEPHEN HEINTZ Title: PRESIDENT
	Organization: Rockefeller Brothers Fund
	Address: 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115
	Telephone number: 212-812-4389 Bmail: Shaint & ref.org
ft	here are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:
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1.	I certify that (name of your organization):  John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
	has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  Yes \sum No
2.	Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Aspen Institute Congressional Program
3,	<ul> <li>I certify that my organization (complete a or b):</li> <li>a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. ρr</li> <li>b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to</li> </ul>
	(destination) on (date) that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4.	Check one:  a.   My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent <u>or</u> b.   My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was <u>de minimis</u> under the travel regulations.
5.	I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. 🔀
б.	the best of my knowledge.
	Signature: ( Capech Ravere
	Signature: (16 per / Carece.  Name: Elspeth Revere Title: Vice President, Media, Culture and Special Initiatives
	Organization: John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
	Address: 140 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60603
	Telephone number: 312-726-8000 Email: erevere@macfound.org
lf	there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:
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\*MacArthur Foundation Grant No. 99476 dated December 13, 2011

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1.	I certify that (name of your organization): Democracy Fund
	has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service Yes  No
2.	Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Aspen Institute
3.	<ul> <li>I certify that my organization (complete a or b):</li> <li>a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conduct an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. or</li> <li>b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to</li> </ul>
	(destination) on (date) that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4.	<ul> <li>Check one:</li> <li>a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent or</li> <li>b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was de minimis under the travel regulations.</li> </ul>
5.	I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6.	I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.  Signature:
	Name: Joseph Goldman Title: President
	Organization: Democracy Fund
	Address: 1333 New Hampshire Ave, Suite 730, Washington DC 20036
	Telephone number: 202-465-8525 Email: jgoldman@democracyfund.org
ft	here are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:
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# U.S. House of Representatives

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The Honorable Susan A. Davis U.S. House of Representatives 1526 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Canada, scheduled for May 25 to 31, 2015, sponsored by the Aspen Institute Congressional Program, with financial support from the Democracy Fund, the Henry Luce Foundation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. We note that this trip includes one day at your personal expense.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$375 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$375] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Dent Chairman

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# Agenda

# **Diplomacy and Extremism:** Iran, ISIS and U.S. Interests in an Unraveling Middle East

May 26-31, 2015 Montréal, Canada

# **MONDAY, MAY 25**

Rep. Susan Davis, and husband Steve Davis, depart Washington, DC on Air Canada 7651 @ 11:30 am and arrive in Montreal @ 1:06 pm and overnight at personal expense.

# **TUESDAY, MAY 26**

Participants arrive in Montréal late afternoon Rep. Susan Davis, and husband Steve Davis, join the conference.

6:30-8:30 pm

Working Dinner

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## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

9 am

Roundtable Discussion

# **SYRIA, IRAQ AND ISIS:**

# **ASSESSING U.S. INTERESTS AND STRATEGY**

The future of both Iraq and Syria are in serious jeopardy. In Syria a civil war now in its fourth year has killed over 200,000 and displaced more than half of the country's 20 million inhabitants. In Iraq, divisions between the country's Shia, Sunni, and Kurdish communities appear increasingly irreconcilable. The power vacuum and sense of Sunni Arab disenfranchisement in both countries has been exploited by the selfproclaimed "Islamic State" (aka ISIS), whose 20,000-30,000 fighters have established brutal domain over a sizable chunk of land—and population spanning the Iraq-Syria border nearly the size of Great Britain.

- How stable is the Syrian regime of Bashar Al-Assad and what is the state of the Syrian opposition?
- Can Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi maintain an inclusive government that serves to reduce sectarian tension?
- What are U.S. interests and priorities in Iraq and Syria and which policies can best forward them?

- Is ISIS growing weaker or stronger and how effective is the U.S.-led aerial campaign against it? To what extent, if at all, are U.S. regional allies directly or indirectly aiding ISIS?
- What are the interests and activities of external actors such as Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Russia in Iraq and Syria? What are the implications of continued civil strife in Iraq and Syria for neighbors such as Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, and Israel?
- To what extent is an independent Kurdish state viable, and should the U.S. support Kurdish autonomy?
- Iran is militarily engaged inside Iraq in confronting ISIS. Is this helpful, and what are its implications?

Ryan Crocker, former U.S. Ambassador to Syria and Iraq; Dean, George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas Barham Salih, former Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government, Erbil, Iraq

10:45 am

Break

11:00 am

Discussion session resumes

1-2:30 pm

Luncheon Remarks

# THE GEOPOLITICS OF A CHANGING ENERGY INDUSTRY

Dramatic increases in U.S. energy production and decisions affecting market pricing of oil have contributed to a significant reduction in energy costs that is having global consequences. Some believe that the changing energy climate is a significant motivating factor for Iran to make a nuclear deal. The decline in energy prices has had a significant impact on Russia and Venezuela. Continued conflict in Iraq and Libya has impacted their oil production and state revenues. ISIS uses black market oil sales to fund its aggression. And continued advancement of renewable forms of energy foreshadowed long-term implications for traditional reliance on the Middle East as an energy source—with geopolitical considerations.

**Amy Myers Jaffe,** Executive Director, Energy and Sustainability, University of California, Davis

2:30-4 pm

**Individual Discussions** 

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# THURSDAY, MAY 28

9 am-11:15 am

Roundtable Discussion

# THE STATE OF NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN

The P5+1 (the United States, Russia, China, United Kingdom, France, and Germany) and Iran have until July 1 to conclude a comprehensive nuclear deal. Despite significant progress, meaningful obstacles still remain regarding the size, scope, and transparency of Iran's program, as well as the duration of the deal and sanctions relief. A potential nuclear deal has proven extremely controversial in Washington, Tehran, and Tel Aviv. Though the U.S. and Iran now regularly engage in nuclear dialogue, deep-seated differences remain. Meanwhile the U.S.-Israel relationship, in part due to differences over Iran, has reached its lowest point in decades.

- What are the criteria for reaching a lasting nuclear deal? What happens if an accord isn't reached, and what are the prospects for escalation?
- How close is Iran to developing nuclear weapons? To what extent is a nuclear Iran a threat to Israel? To the region? To the U.S.?
- Can the U.S. successfully engage an Iranian regime whose top leadership continues to denounce Washington as its implacable enemy? What are possible areas of cooperation, and points of enduring confrontation?
- What are the interests and concerns of global and regional players such as China, Russia, Europe, and Saudi Arabia?
- How has the U.S. relationship with Israel been impacted or challenged by nuclear negotiations with Iran?
- How has increased partisanship in the United States impacted the prospects for a nuclear deal and future détente with Iran?
- What is Iran's perspective? What motivates its pursuit of nuclear capability? What motivates it to seek a deal?

George Perkovich, Vice President for Studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC Ariel (Eli) Levite, former Principal Deputy Director General for Policy, Israeli Atomic Energy Commission, Tel Aviv Hossein Mousavian, former member of Iran's nuclear negotiation team; former Iranian Ambassador to Germany

11:15 am

Break

11:15 am-1 pm

Roundtable Discussion

A LOOK AT IRAN INTERNALLY

The presidential election of pragmatic cleric Hassan Rouhani has not altered the fact that Tehran's hardline unelected institutions—namely the office of the Supreme Leader and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps—continue to maintain control over the country's most important political and coercive institutions, as well as its policies throughout the Middle East. How sustainable is this status-quo?

- What are Iran's internal political and societal dynamics, including the balance of power between Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, President Rouhani, and the Revolutionary Guards?
- How has Iranian civil society and human rights fared under Rouhani?
- To what extent is the Iranian public informed of their government's nuclear and regional policies? How will either a nuclear deal or failed nuclear talks impact Iran domestically?
- How have U.S. and international economic sanctions affected Iran's economy and society?

Karim Sadjadpour, Senior Associate, Middle East program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC

1-2:30 pm

Luncheon Remarks

# A CANADIAN PERSPECTIVE ON CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGES OF TERRORISM

Canada has made significant contributions toward confronting extremism and assisting in humanitarian relief in the Middle East. The government recently extended a six-month commitment of equipment and manpower of approximately 600 personnel to join the 28-nation military alliance to deal with ISIS. Canada has also provided relief to help feed, shelter and provide schooling for 1.7 million refugees as well as supporting 215,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq. Canada is the sixth largest single-country donor to Syria and the fifth largest to Iraq. The Royal Canadian Air Force has flown over 400 sorties to destroy ISIS assets and Canadian aircraft have supported the Peshmerga in Kurdish Iraq. Canada has endured two terrorist attacks on its soil, which has contributed to public support for these initiatives. Foreign Minister Nicholson will articulate the motivations and commitment of Canada's support as a partner in confronting extremism.

Rob Nicholson, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ottawa

2:30-4 pm

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9 am

Roundtable Discussion

# SAUDI ARABIA AND YEMEN:

# **CONFLICTING U.S. INTERESTS AND VALUES**

Though Saudi Arabia has thus far avoided the tumult of other regional countries, the combination of a restive young population, aging leadership, sectarian tension, oil price decline, and concerns about Islamist radicalism are persistent sources of anxiety. Domestic concerns are exacerbated by a turbulent regional context. Saudi Arabia's southern neighbor Yemen is on the brink of constant collapse and its capital Sanaa was recently overrun by Iran-backed militants known as Houthis. Saudi Arabia and Iran are also embroiled in proxy battles in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and Bahrain. While oil and concerns about Iran have formed the basis of the Saudi-U.S. alliance for over three decades, the seeming thaw in U.S.-Iran relations coupled with America's shale energy bonanza raise questions about the strength and future of the relationship.

- What is the worldview of 79-year-old King Salman and how, if at all, will Saudi domestic and foreign policy change under his leadership?
- How vulnerable is the Saudi government to homegrown Islamist radicalism? To what extent does the Saudi government or private individuals support Islamist extremists abroad?
- Mindful of serious U.S-Saudi policy differences on issues such as Syria, Egypt, Bahrain, and Iran, what is the future of U.S-Saudi relations, particularly in light of America's burgeoning domestic energy sources?
- What is Saudi Arabia's relationship with neighboring Gulf countries?
- How can the United States reconcile deep disagreements with Saudi Arabia, particularly related to human rights, women's rights, and religious freedom, with its strategic partnership with the Kingdom?
- How should the United States navigate the current political situation in Yemen and what is its impact on U.S. counterterrorism initiatives in the region?

Ali al-Shihabi, Member of the Board, Middle East Broadcasting Corporation, Riyadh

10:45 am

Break

11 am

Roundtable Discussion

**EGYPT'S NEW AUTHORITARIANISM** 

One year after President al-Sisi's ascent to power following the July 2013 protests and military coup against Muslim Brother President Mohamed Morsi, authoritarianism in Egypt is worse than during the years of ousted former president Hosni Mubarak. The democratic roadmap established after Morsi's removal remains incomplete as parliamentary elections, originally scheduled for March 2015, have been postponed to an unspecified future date. Islamist violence has increased in Cairo and the Sinai peninsula, where insurgents have pledged allegiance to ISIS. Prioritizing economic progress and stability over democracy, Egypt's military regime has used the fight against Islamist radicalism as a pretext to violate human rights on an unprecedented scale, which has seemingly fueled violent extremism.

- What is the political and economic agenda of President Sisi? Is his government vulnerable to continued uprisings?
- How precarious is Egypt's economy, and can it survive without continued aid from staunch Gulf allies such as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates?
- What is the state of Egypt-Israel relations?
- How has civil war and the spread of Islamist radicalism in Libya affected Egypt?
- Is Sisi a force against extremism, or are his policies fueling the very radicalism he claims to be fighting? Is accepting his authoritarianism a "Faustian bargain" necessary to further U.S. interests?
- What is the future of the Muslim Brotherhood? If it is forced underground, how serious is the danger of radicalism? Is reconciliation between Egypt's military government and the Muslim Brotherhood possible?
- What should be the goal of U.S. policy toward Egypt? Should the U.S. continue to limit or suspend aid to Egypt?

# Heba Morayef, former Egyptian Director, Human Rights Watch

1-2:30 pm

Working Lunch

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2:30-4 pm

Individual Discussions

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# SATURDAY, MAY 30

9 am

Morning Roundtable Discussion

# LIBYA'S DOWNWARD SPIRAL

More than three years after the U.S./NATO-led deposition of former dictator Muammar Qaddafi, Libya has deteriorated into civil war. The resulting power vacuum has provided fertile ground for Islamist groups such as ISIS, al-Qaeda franchises, and jihadi groups not affiliated with either camp. The country's main two factions—the Libya Dignity coalition led by General Khalifa Hifter and Libya Dawn forces—have deferred taking serious action against ISIS in order to continue fighting one another. Neighboring Tunisia, Algeria, and Egypt are extremely concerned about the spread of ISIS across their porous borders. Tunisia has shouldered the burden of taking in anywhere from 500,000 to one million Libyan refugees.

- What are U.S. strategic interests in Libya? What should the U.S. do to counter the ISIS in Libya and its growing presence in North Africa?
- What is the role of external actors in Libya, such as the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Turkey, and Egypt?
- What are the prospects for a unity government in Libya? What can the U.S. do to support efforts to form a unity government or to end the violence?
- What is Libya's potential to further destabilize the region?
- What is the impact of Libya's civil strife on neighboring countries, particularly Tunisia and Egypt?
- Did the U.S./NATO role in Qaddafi's ouster imply a responsibility to contribute toward finding a stable solution?

Fred Wehrey, Senior Associate, Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC

10:45 am

Break

11 am

Morning Roundtable Discussion

# U.S. STRATEGY FOR THE MIDDLE EAST: A CHOICE BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND STABILITY?

Four years after the Arab uprisings began, nearly every society in the greater Middle East is grappling with increased domestic and regional instability. While Islamist radicalism makes headlines, many so-called liberal forces have adopted exclusionary, non-democratic approaches to governing. Sectarianism, particularly between Sunnis and Shia, remains an enormous source of instability, fueling both civil and proxy wars throughout the region. While longtime U.S. allies Saudi Arabia and Jordan have not experienced the same large-scale uprisings and destabilization of other Arab countries, both monarchies face a precarious domestic and

regional environment. Egypt has embarked on a brutal campaign against the Muslim Brotherhood, as well as secular political dissidents, under the pretense of combating terrorism and returning stability to Egypt and the region. Tunisia, perceived as the sole success story of the Arab Spring, still faces an uphill battle in consolidating its democratic transition and contending with radical Islamist forces.

- How can the United States best advocate for political and economic reform within allied-countries such as Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Egypt without undermining the stability of these governments?
- How can the United States support democratic successes in political transition such as Tunisia and continue to aid successful efforts toward representative governance in other countries?
- How can Washington support allies in combating terrorism without aiding the repression of legitimate political dissent, particularly in the context of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Egypt's campaign against the Muslim Brotherhood? How do states manipulate extremist groups and sectarianism for both internal and external political expediency?
- Is Iran a tactical partner of the United States?
- Which policies employed by both regional and Western governments, including the U.S., have successfully contained or reversed the spread of extremism, and which policies have exacerbated it?
- How does the U.S. sort out its priorities among conflicting policy values of security, stability, representative governance, religious freedom and protection of human rights?

Nicholas Burns, former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Professor of International Relations, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts Tamara Cofman Wittes, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Director, Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC

1-2:30 pm

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# SUNDAY, May 31:

Return travel to the USA Rep. Susan Davis and husband Steve Davis depart Montreal on Air Canada 7652 @ 2:10 pm and arrive in Washington, DC @ 3:52 pm

# **Resource Scholars:**

Kim Ghattas, former Beirut Bureau Chief of the BBC Col. Joel Rayburn, Senior Military Fellow, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington, DC

# DIPLOMACY AND EXTREMISM: IRAN, ISIS AND U.S. INTERESTS IN AN UNRAVELING MIDDLE EAST

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Meghan O'Sullivan, former Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq; Director, the Geopolitics of Energy Project, Harvard University

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Ariel Levite, former Principal Deputy Director General for Policy at the Israeli Atomic Energy Commission, Tel Aviv

Hossein Mousavian, former member of Iran's nuclear negotiating team

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Karim Sadjadpour, Senior Associate, Middle East Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Amberin Zaman, correspondent for the *Economist* magazine, Istanbul

# Answer to Question #4 on House Ethics Primary Trip Sponsor Form - Montreal

- 4. Provide names and titles of all House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited.
- 1. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, OR, member of the Ways and Means Committee
- 2. Rep. Dan Benishek, MI, member of the Agriculture Committee
- 3. Rep. Michael Burgess, TX, member of the Energy and Commerce Committee
- 4. Rep. Mike Capuano, MA, member of the Financial Services Committee
- 5. Rep. Susan Davis, CA, member of the Armed Services Committee
- 6. Rep. Diana DeGette, CO, member of the Energy and Commerce Committee
- 7. Rep. Anna Eshoo, CA, member of the Energy and Commerce Committee
- 8. Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick, PA, member of the Financial Services Committee
- 9. Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, NE, member of the Appropriations Committee
- 10. Rep. John Garamendi, CA, member of the Armed Services Committee
- 11. Rep. Andy Harris, MD, member of the Appropriations Committee
- 12. Rep. Brian Higgins, NY, member of the Foreign Affairs Committee
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- 15. Rep. Jim McDermott, WA, member of the Ways and Means Committee
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- 17. Rep. Tom Rice, SC, member of the Budget Committee
- 18. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, IL, member of the Energy and Commerce Committee
- 19. Rep. Peter Welch, VT, member of the Energy and Commerce Committee
- 20. Rep. John Yarmuth, KY, member of the Energy and Commerce Committee



Dan Glickman

**Executive Director** 

Congressional Program

The Honorable Susan Davis U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Susan:

I would like to invite you and Steve to participate in a congressional conference on *Diplomacy and Extremism: Iran, ISIS and the U.S. Interests in an Unraveling Middle East,* May 26-31, 2015, in Montreal, Canada, during the Memorial Day recess. We have limited space and must hear from you proactively as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

We will focus on the Iran nuclear agreement, the crisis in Syria and Iraq, how to confront ISIS, as well as Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Libya and the Middle East as a region. We will also hear perspectives on the geopolitics of the changing energy industry with implications for these policy challenges, and a Canadian perspective on confronting terrorism. The agenda is attached.

We will have a rich mix of voices from the Middle East as well as prominent American scholars to assist our discussions. Attendance is by invitation only, with no outside observers, lobbyists, or congressional staff. Funding is provided solely by grants from established foundations—no government, individual, foreign, corporate or special interest funds are accepted.

Under guidelines established by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, we will provide you with a signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form affirming that no lobbyists fund this activity, that the Aspen Institute does not hire or retain lobbyists, and that no lobbyists will be present. Our purpose is education, not advocacy.

If your accompanying spouse or family member is a registered lobbyist, under the ethics rules of the House, their participation would not be allowed. Guidance from the Committee will not allow us to accept any enrollments less than one month prior to the conference.

Departure will be on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and we will return on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Should you accept the invitation, it is required that you participate through the duration of the conference.

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Expenses for you and Steve, including airfare, lodging and meals will be paid by the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. Under the ethics rules, no expenses are covered for entertainment or recreation. Congressional participants are limited to only one accompanying family member.

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Enclosed is a fact sheet on the program. In addition to answering any questions you may have, it has proven to be useful in responding to public and press inquiries.

Additionally, we hold breakfast meetings in the Capitol throughout the year to keep Members of Congress up-to-date between our annual conferences. We hope you will be able to participate in the extended educational offerings of our breakfast series.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 202-736-Steve will join us for this important conference.

I hope you and

Sincerely,

Dan Glickman

**Enclosures** 



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  academic and practical experience on program topics.

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